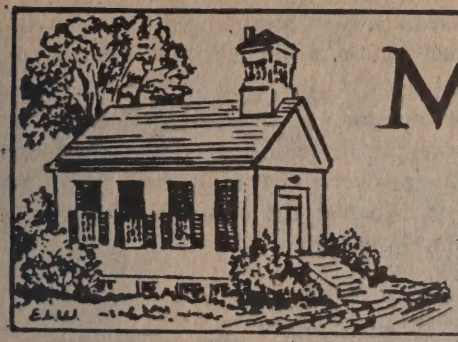

MONTEREY NEWS

AUGUST 1982

"I LOVE MONTEREY" DAY

The chance to show our feelings and brag about our town was observed on July 17—a beautiful day. Dara Jenssen, chairperson, came through even as the last week of preparation had her worried that it might never happen. The booths were interesting—the history of Monterey done to music a work of art; the dance at night enjoyed by a good crowd.

The raffle winners were:

Maple syrup (donated by Monterey Maple, Bonner McAllester and Joe Baker)—John Sellew;

Honey, cheese and vegetables (donated by Susan Sellew)—Wenni Ray

Load of wood (donated by Jed Lipsky)—Doug Akin

Breakfast for two at Roadside (donated by Gould Farm)—Phil Newey

Needlepoint kit (donated by Jane Kessler)—Delores Howie

Gallon of apple juice (donated by Milly Walsh)—E. Facet

Home baked pie (donated by Michele Miller)—Mr. Kaninstein

THE MONTEREY DAY MARCHING BAND led by Martin Hatch of Ithaca, N.Y.

Photo by Susan McAllester

Five dozen ears of corn (donated by Tall Pine Farm, Peggy and Bob Thieriot)—Mickey Friedman

$10 gift certificate for the package store (donated by Marie and Denis O'Connor)—Bea Bernstein

Wheel of cheese (donated by The Monterey General Store, Lewis Scheffey)—Stella Bodnar

Print of Great Barrington (donated by Leonard Weber)—Dara Jenssen

Jewelry (donated by Maureen and Mike Banner)—Ann Hurley.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

A special town meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. Now that the Cherry Sheet and other crucial figures are in, town officials realize that there is more leeway in the Town Budget than was originally assumed in March. About $20,000 in budget items will be proposed on the upcoming warrant. These items include: $2,475.62 for unpaid bills in the Disposal Area Account and the Printing and Stationery Account; $2,000 for the Machinery and Tools Account (an air compressor for the Road Crew); $5,700 for the Disposal Area Account (a fence and grass around the new collection area); $1,300 for office equipment; and $8,524.38 for the Stabilization Fund.

A final item on the warrant will be a vote to amend the Town Protective By-Law by rescinding the old by-law and adopting a new by-law proposed by the Planning Board.

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTEREY FIRE COMPANY

Lots of progress has been made toward the new Fire Station! The Committee for the Monterey Fire Company reports that contributions and pledges are almost halfway to the goal of $100,000. The beautiful, energy efficient new building looks better every day—stop by and see it. Let's try to get all the pledges in to the Fire Company by Labor Day, and join your friends and neighbors in completing this extraordinary community project.

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

July-August Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Hills, Monterey
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Summer School of Religion: July 6-23
First Communion: Saturday, Julv 24, at 9:00 a.m. in Sheffield.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with childcare at the same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Meditation and prayer, Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Lucy Smith.

CHURCH NEWS

Financial Canvass Begins

The Financial Committee has been preparing for the Church's annual financial appeal to the church and community. The budget has been prepared, which calls for only a 6% increase over last year.

A booklet has been prepared which attempts to lift up the almost unique relationship that exists between church and community in Monterey. The Finance Committee planned a work bee on August 11 to help prepare the appeal for mailing.

Diaconate Studies Evangelism and Church Growth

The diaconate of the Monterey United Church of Christ is taking up the responsibility of implementing a study of evangelism and church growth. The parish council referred this issue to the diaconate after it has considered it in several of its meetings.

The Board of Home Missions of the United Church of Christ has prepared a manual for use in local churches. Study of this manual has begun in Monterey with a meeting of the diaconate that was held in the home of Stewart and Jean Stowell beginning with a noon dinner. It is anticipated that there will be regular meetings of this type.

Dr. Brallier commented that if the church were to employ the principles for telling the good news in a steady consistent manner over the years it most surely would result in an increase of the church's effectiveness in growth and development.

APPLE TREE LESSONS

Last week Joe cut down an apple tree in the back orchard. We counted the rings. There were 50. But the tree was so small I could almost reach around it with my two hands. It had grown, all these years, in a dense grove of maples and it was literally squashed by all the other trees.

There is another tree on the hill behind our house. The limbs are bent in grotesque patterns. The tree seems to be squatting—waiting for an attack. And that's what it's been experiencing these twenty-plus years: attacks from the northeast winds that whip it so often. It has no trees even close to it to offer any kind of protection.

I have seen people little for their age and always craving the crowds. I have seen people grotesquely shaped because they were "independent." They didn't need anybody.

We do need people. Despite some of the fad philosophies, we can't make it on our own. In the Old and New Testament God calls His people into community. But community can never live our lives for us or stand before God for us. Sometimes we need to buffet the storms if we are ever to be more than a compressed twig—sometimes we need to stand alone. Pity the man or woman who faces that until they face the ultimate aloneness.

There are two seemingly opposite verses found in the sixth chapter of the book of Galatians. I used to wonder at the paradox. Now I see their wisdom. One says, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." The other says, "For every man shall bear his own burden."

— Ruth Burkholder

Drummer: Martin Hatch of Ithaca, N.Y.
clown: Beth Stinner of East Otis.
photograph by
Susan McAllester

The Humans Are Coming, The Humans Are Coming!

(Statement prepared by William Clark, Amherst '33, for his 50th Reunion Class Book, and modified to share with Monterey friends on "I Love Monterey" Day. Sally and Bill Clark will be remembered by many from their pastorate here in 1940-1943.

In the many lives I have led and jobs I have held, putting me in the midst of all kinds of people and events, I have been able to prove to my satisfaction a fundamental set of beliefs about our human destiny. Before I dodder over the horizon, I should like to share them with my Monterey friends and my classmates of Amherst 1933, some of whom had a lot to do with their formation. These may be my last chances to put them into print!

1. We humans are going to make it. We are not going to blow ourselves up, despite all ominous data to the contrary. The prospect of our becoming fully human is much too promising, in the R. and D. Department of the Lord of Whatever, for us to scrub ourselves out.

2. Becoming fully human means achieving real cooperation among ourselves by fulfilling the rule of mutuality in a society or group which brings out the best in each of us. (Remember, "from each according to ability, to each according to need"?)

3. The only practical approach to the Mutual Society is to take the three steps in human development which lead to that goal. Alternative steps are self-destructive.

4. The first phase of growth, for individuals and societies, is authoritarian dependency, characterized by command and conformity. It is appropriate for individual and social childhood. Its certainties and securities can be very beguiling.

5. In fits and starts, we must grow into the second phase, that of democratic independence, characterized by competition, compromise and conflict. From its insecurities, regression to dependency is tempting! Beware. The "I" has to become strong in order to become a contributive unit in the oncoming "We," however painful the transition.

6. But yes, "we" are coming, we mutuals, we interdependent and reciprocally enhancing humans. No longer is it "an eye for an eye," but "a 'We' for an 'I' "! Here and there already, in the relatively few years of known history, samplers of Phase Three, the Mutual Society have sprung up, in kibbutzim, in Christian communes, in Japanese corporations, in consumer cooperatives, in Friends meetings, etc. They are "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

7. Our programs and our practices, our individual and social acts, can be judged as to whether they are making for life or for death by their position and direction in the above progression. Are they working for growth from dependency, through independency, to interdependence? I have seen and have experienced Phase Three, sometimes in Monterey, so I know we can do it. If we *can*, I believe we *will*.

So hooray, old men! Hooray, old women! Hooray '33! And hooray Monterey friends young and old! The humans are coming! The human are coming!

— Bill Clark

PLEASE NOTE:

The deadline for ads and articles in the *Monterey News* will be the first of each month, beginning with the September 1982 issue.

YOUTH NEWS

drawing by Kirsten Bennett

The Monterey Pee Wee Yankees, sponsored by Hebert Realty, finished their season out with a resounding victory agains the New Marlborough Red Sox. Congratulations to every player and their coach, Don Blanchard.

The Summer School of Religion, sponsored by Our Lady of the Parish Church in Sheffield began on July 5 and ended on July 23. Children from Monterey, New Marlborough, and Sheffield in grades K-6 attended. First Holy Communion took place on July 24 and the only Monterey resident who received it was Marta Makuc.

The annual swimming lessons held at Lake Garfield, sponsored by the Red Cross and taught by Mary Ellen Brown, began on July 12 and ended July 23. Four classes were held, starting with the most advanced "swimmers," with Nancy Bynack and Jenny Brown passing. Next came "intermediate," with Cris and Ann Marie Makuc passing. Bill Thieriot and Paul Bynack were the lucky ones in "advanced beginners," and in "beginners" Brian Heath, Mark Phillips, Nancy Phillips, and Marta Makuc passed. Fran Amidon and Peggy Thieriot helped in this class. Also, Ann Marie Makuc, Meghan Bradley, and Jenny Brown completed their Girl Scout swimming badge. The total number attending was 43, a big success!

APOLOGIES, APOLOGIES!

The *Monterey News* extends its deepest apologies to

Ricky Andrus
P. J. Sheridan

for omitting their names from the list of graduates from Mount Everett Regional High School in our July issue. We wish them all the best in the years to come.

TOWN REPORT AVAILABLE

The Town Report Committee announces with relief that the 1980-1981 Town Report is now available in the Town Offices. Because of the expense, the Town Reports will not be mailed this year. Residents are requested to pick up their copies at the Town Offices on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, or Saturday between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you are not able to pick up your copy, please call the Town Office at 528-1443 to arrange to have a copy mailed to you.

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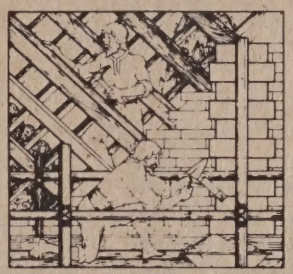

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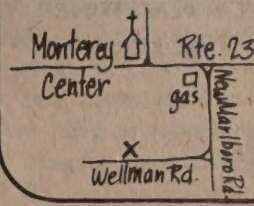

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GOULD FARM NEWS

The Olsen family arrived from Wisconsin on July 16. They have somehow, miraculously, folded themselves; Rufus, their big mastiff; and the four Basenjis into the Hurty Cottage, plus a fenced-in run for the dogs. What's more, they say they like it. We certainly enjoy them—Jim, Chris, and Luke and Andy, their two small boys. Jim is assistant farmer.

The Atlanta group came on July 20. There are only eleven of them this year, with two leaders, Mrs. Ruth Gilbert and Mrs. May Helen Johnson. The other six campers did not return. Instead they have jobs or are engaged in other activities. We miss them but are glad to have the old friends and their new leaders. They all join in the day's work and seem to be having a good time.

Tracy Schrider joined the staff group on July 18. She grew up in Washington, D. C., and was a high school classmate of Jim Silard, through whom she learned of Gould Farm. Tracy is now in her senior year at Cornell, majoring in social planning at the School of Human Ecology. She will be at the Farm through August.

The Board of Directors held their regular quarterly meeting at the Farm on July 31. The president, the Rev. Dr. Paul Kennedy, presided. Dr. Jessie Danielsen led the opening devotions. There was a good attendance. The executive secretary, Kent Smith, had submitted his report by mail, in which he had commented, among other things, on the fact that he and his family have now completed ten years on the Farm. The treasurer's report, also sent out by mail, was then discussed. Both reports were approved, with appreciation. Other matters of policy and business were considered. The next meeting will be the annual one, with the Associates (members of the corporation), on October 9.

— Rose McKee

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MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met July 21 for its Annual Youth Night. Youth from Monterey Grange and neighboring granges filled the chairs and furnished a delightful program enjoyed by 20 members, 24 visitors, and four nonmembers. Four youth took part in the "I Love Monterey" parade. The youth planted the window boxes and will care for them.

Eight hundred nineteen cookies were baked for the coffee hour at the Veterans Hospital. Plans are being made for a food sale, and there will be an exhibit at the Barrington Fair.

The next meeting will be August 18. There will be an agriculture program in charge of Ethel Warner.

— Mary Wallace

LIBRARY NEWS

The book and bake sale held July 31 was a great success, realizing over $240. This year's money goes to help defray the cost of new carpeting recently installed in the library basement.

The Trustees would like to thank Mr. Roy Hepp for his many hours spent in sorting out all the boxes and boxes of books. "Thank you" 's also to Linda Whitbeck, Janet Thieriot and everyone who donated either books or baked goods.

Good news for those of you who missed the book sale. We are continuing the sale during library hours in the basement of the library. There remains a wide selection of hardcovers and paperbacks at 25¢ each.

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PARKS COMMISSION REPORT

Consideration and Safety Are Top Priority

Let's talk a little bit about our big motor boats on Lake Garfield—and small ones, too. Actually their numbers are probably less than in past years, while sailboats and canoes have multiplied greatly, showing the preference of the majority. However, the latter don't replace the sport and fun of the cruise around the lake, water skiing, fishing, swimming in the middle of the lake—in our motor boats.

A problem arises with the severe wake created, especially in the small lake and channel, by motor boats going at high speeds. The land is being eroded away—unnecessarily. A number of front lawns are shrinking, and land owners are naturally very concerned. Consider the land damages to the cottages on the sides of the channel, too. Our motors get larger and performance improves each year—along with capability of speeds. Nevertheless, the lake doesn't grow—and can't accommodate high speeds. Other side effects are chewed up weeds, to float around, endangering sailboats and canoes.

So let's "watch the wake," for those who cruise the small lake—keep speeds appropriate and considerate of sailboats, canoes, water skiers, and lakeshore frontage—just putt-putt around.

A few additional words about water skiing: It is agreed that going through the channel, passing other boats, is hazardous, as is skiing the small lake. There is adequate space in the big lake. So to have a safe situation let's keep the water skiing there. Just a suggestion/request, and with full confidence of voluntary cooperation and support.

Again the correction of the problems are simple: adjust speeds to the size of our lake, curtailing wakes that might damaging or dangerous—according to law, and keeping water skiing in the big lake.

Park Commission Notes

We have a loaned boat from Frank's Berkshire Marine for the safety of our beach, and are most appreciative!! It's available, but we hope not needed. Thanks to Hayeses and Kinne's Grove for the loan of oars.

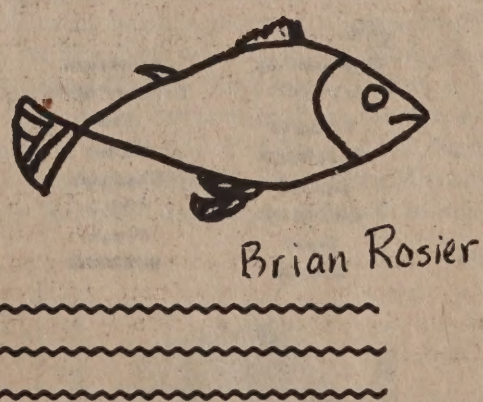
George Kisselbrock, with his soothing but firm hand, has been checking cars and sorting out beach comers to just Montereyers. The out-of-towners have been most cooperative and crowds are reducing to a reasonable and safe size for our lifeguard.

A letter is going out to camp groups who occasionally descend upon the beach, to please check with us for the best times, to better spread the heavy load evenly.

The water was checked and Berkshire Environmental Lakes, Inc., found it to be "of excellent quality."

If you have any problems or questions concerning Park Commission activities, please call Fran Amidon, 528-1233.

An ad-hoc committee to protect civil liberties has been formed in Monterey. It is currently investigating a case that may be processed against two of Monterey's three Selectmen. If you are interested in joining this committee, or just keeping informed of its progress, please contact me by mail or telephone (mail is preferred): ***Bernard Kleban, Box 141, Monterey, Mass. 01245. Telephone: (413) 528-4187.***



LAKE GARFIELD ASSOCIATION

The Lake Garfield Association will meet on August 28 at 11:00 a.m. on the Damsite on Beartown Mountain Road and is open to members and anyone else who might be interested. Bring a picnic lunch. Rain location will be the church basement.

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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Locust trees are commonly crooked and bony, a stout trunk with deep-cut bark and sinewy limbs holding small leaves high in a lacy crown. Overall they give an impression of craggy strength, the kind that comes with age and endurance. In his "Report on the Trees and Shrubs Growing Naturally in the Forests of Massachusetts," George Emerson wrote in 1846:

"The locust, in Massachusetts, is never of a first rate size or height, but is often a graceful and always an extremely picturesque tree. The trunk rises sometimes directly upwards to a considerable height without branches, sometimes inclined to one side, and very irregular and bare, sometimes, on the edge of a wood, feathering down to the ground on one side. The bark is thick, and, on old trees, deeply and irregularly furrowed with long furrows, and of an ashen or granite color. On the branches it is ash gray, and on the slender, wand-like spray, purple or purplish green. The soft and velvety foliage is too smooth to retain the dust, and is often seen, bright and clean, on the side of a dusty road. While the heart of the tree is so liable to the attack of insects, that several trees are not often seen together which do not present a dead or dying limb, the leaves seem peculiarly exempt, and often show like an image of the freshness and vigor of youth, in contrast with the melancholy one of premature decay."

The locusts that grew on the hill where the new firehouse now sits were fine trees. To my eye they stood like guards at the town center's west gate. Sad, then, to see them cut down. They were rotten inside, and felling them was a practical necessity. The safety gained was not itself without risk. The old guys made a spirited exit. Dan Whitbeck volunteered his services for the job, and even though he cabled them up high to pull them the right way, and Ray pushed with the bulldozer, one split and started to fall two ways as Dan made his backcut. He said it took a few years off his life pretty quick. They went down okay in the end, and will be cut up for firewood to heat the station, or maybe fenceposts, as locust lasts admirably in the ground.

With the trees gone, and the grounds graded (all the fill out back is no more than what was excavated for the foundation), the hill now has that bald clean look that comes with new construction. If this is disturbing, after the look of age the hill had with the locusts there, remember that we'll be planting new trees, and they will grow old soon enough. As for what kind, we're talking it over these days, and welcome your suggestions.

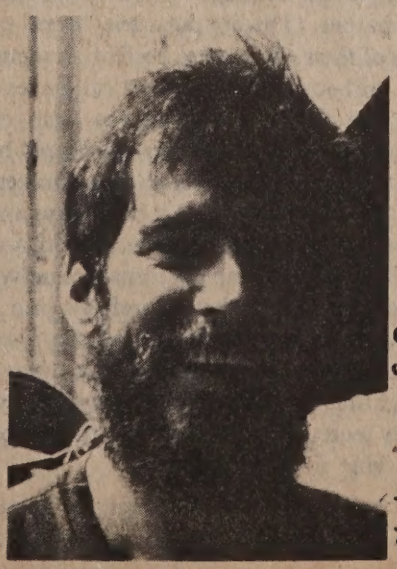
Meanwhile, work continues inside. Danny Litchfield, Billy Gage, Joe Wirth, and Rob Clausen all volunteered their time to help Bob Stevens and others in the Company run about a mile of wire. Soon we'll be insulating, and finishing interior walls. Charles Wyman delivered 4,500 board feet of pine lumber that he sawed and planed, gratis. Green River Lumber dried it in their kiln, and Jed Lipsky trucked it there and back. Next we'll cut and shape it for use as wainscot and trim.

For perspective, after our discussion of trees, age, and history, consider this. Out back a concrete pad's in place for a telephone company remote terminal. In this cabinet ten pairs of wires originating in Great Barrington will be made into 96 circuits capable of carrying as many phone conversations at once. By means of a technology now in use about three years, a digital signal from Great Barrington which is regenerated in white boxes you may have noticed every mile along the way, is transformed in this remote terminal from "bitstream" into the physical signal we know as ring, dial tone, and your mother's own voice. Got that? We're happy to make this contribution to keeping us all in touch. As ever, **528-1932** will bring speedy help in any medical or fire emergency.

We all had a big time at the summer's main social event, the annual Fire Company Steak Roast. Nine hundred neighbors were served a steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, salad, bread, and dessert, all organized and prepared by the Fire Company, and supplied this year through The Monterey General Store, liveliest place in town.

Take the month to wind down some, and we'll see you again at the Gravity Car Race on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend. After all, it is the World's most unpredictable Race, not anything you'd want to miss.

— Peter Murkett



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LOCAL LORE

AND WHAT CAN WE DO WITH GREEN TOMATOES?

Memories of a wet cool June have faded, but a glance at local tomato plants reminds us that it was just too cool for our tomatoes to set fruit until early July. It takes an average of 45 days for a ripe tomato to develop from a set fruit, so no wonder we have so few ripe fruit. So rather than fuss about all the green tomatoes perhaps we should examine their merits. Green tomatoes are a vegetable variety unto themselves. They are very tasty sliced, breaded and sauteed. They adapt well to stewing with a little onion, curry powder and paprika, and they are well suited to stuffing with a variety of vegetables, cheeses, rices and bread crumbs. Perhaps they are better known for their pickling qualities. Dill green tomato pickles, green tomato relish, and green tomato chutney are all quite good.

And if that first frost catches you with tons of green or greening tomatoes on the vine, we've found that the following method works well for ripening the fruit in the house. First it is important to pick them before the frost, needless to say. And only the mature green fruit will ripen well. The small ones that are still in a growing stage don't give satisfactory results. It is important that the fruit be flawless; no bruises, insect damage or other wounds should be on the tomatoes. (The big debate is "stems on or off?" The chances of their ripening to perfection seems best with the stems on because taking them off leaves a type of wound on the top, but leaving the stem on enhances the chance of the tomatoes being punctured by each other's stems in the wrapping and packing process unless you are very careful. We've tried it both ways and have come to no hard and fast conclusion, so try both and see which works well for you.) Wrap the tomatoes individually in newspaper and pack them carefully into a cardboard box. Store them in a relatively cool, dry place and check them for ripening or spoiling a few times a week. We have found that ripening them in this way gives the best results. They tend to ripen evenly and the flavor, although never like vine ripened, is okay.

—Susan Sellew
Rawson Brook Farm

THE ECLIPTIC

"What is your sign?" your friends ask, and you answer "Pisces," or "Libra," or "Cancer," or "Scorpius." Do you know that at the time of your birthday you cannot see your constellation, because the Sun is in your sign, and the bright light prevents you from seeing the stars during the day? The Sun visits all the signs of the Zodiac in the course of a year. To see your own sign, you have to look for it some months ahead of time. Right now Aquarius, Capricornus, Sagittarius (the Teapot) and Scorpius are visible in the low, southern sky, travelling from east to west. By September you can see Pisces rise in the east, then in October comes Taurus, etc.

Have you noticed how the Moon hugs the horizon right now, never climbing very high? The sky dome is like an inverted bowl that teeter-totters through the year and through each twenty-four hours. In the summer the Ecliptic with the Zodiac signs and the Sun teeters high overhead during the day, while at night the Moon and its Zodiac signs totter along the horizon. At Equinox in September the Ecliptic is pretty even, but then the daylight Ecliptic begins to totter, and the nighttime Ecliptic teeters, until the December Solstice, when the Sun crawls for a few hours low in the sky, and the Moon with Gemini, Taurus, Aries and Pisces rides high overhead.

— Loul McIntosh

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LOCAL LORE

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FLEAS
(for Michele)

"He that lieth down with the dogs, riseth with fleas."

— George Herbert, 1651

What accelerates faster than a moon rocket? What jumps 100 times its own length, without the help of wings, and can keep it up for three days without pause at the rate of 600 times per hour? What agent was responsible for the death of 1/4 of the population of Europe in the Middle Ages?

The answer is, the small and mighty flea. This tiny insect, possessed of little brain and no wings, owes its remarkable degree of success to its practical evolution to a sensitive parasitic way of life. Close relationship with a warm-blooded and somewhat unpredictable animal requires certain adjustments on the part of the flea. Over the years, fleas have made the necessary changes, evolving 1,500 species, each different from the others and each specially designed for a certain kind of parasitism. The species most commonly encountered in Monterey drawing rooms is the cat flea, *Ctenocephalides felis*. Like all its relations, the cat flea is small and dark, has a mouth like a tube for sucking blood and no wings. These last two characteristics give the flea order its name, "*siphonaptera.*" *Siphon* (tube) and *apteros* (wingless).

The cat flea has a smooth hard shell or cuticle which is flattened from side to side, enabling it to move quickly through the thick fur of its host. The eggs are small, white and rounded. They are laid in bedding, rugs, and cat napping places where they hatch to form worm-like larvae. The larvae spin silky cocoons and emerge finally as adults, on the lookout for a promising cat.

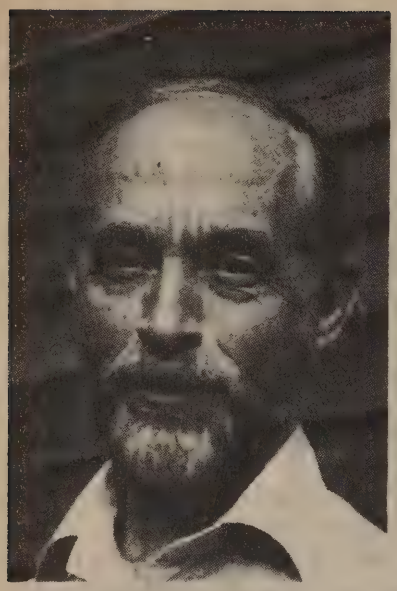
The most sensational ability of the flea, remarked upon by homeowners and siphonapterologists alike, is its instant leap. One may spot a flea, on a cat or part way up one's own leg. Suddenly the flea has vanished. Like magic, the little creature has moved faster than the human eye can perceive. For years, scientists attributed this speedy take-off to some marvelous but not yet understood system of insect muscles. In 1973, a British entomologist named Miriam Rothschild began motion picture studies of flea action and found that it required a camera speed of 3,500 frames per second to capture the leap of a flea. Rothschild found that the flea's jump is quicker than any muscle twitch could possible be, so she looked for another explanation. This was found, finally, in the form of a special kind of protein called resilin. Resilin is an almost perfect rubber which provides the spring action of the flea's leap. Rothschild describes the flea as being like a person with an elastic rubber ball in his hip joint. He crouches in a kneeling position, compressing the rubber ball, and then springs upward. In the flea, the crouch resembles a cocked catapult in that there are two notches in the flea's cuticle which act as catches when the resilin is compressed. A slight muscle relaxation releases the catches and the flea lifts off, reaching a peak acceleration of 140 Gs, which is more than thirty times that endured by astronauts during the launching of the Saturn 5 moon rocket.

Cat fleas and human fleas (very rare in the U. S.) are among the best jumpers in the order. Those species which live on birds do not jump at all, nor do the mole fleas which live underground and lay their eggs in mole nests. Sand martin fleas live on sand martins, birds which nest in burrows in England but which migrate to Africa for the winter. The flea eggs are laid in the burrow, and when cold weather comes and the birds leave, the eggs begin a dormant period of several weeks. These fleas are particularly sensitive to the environmental factors which influence the birds. Flea egg hatching and pupation are perfectly timed each year for the day of the birds' return. If spring is late, the birds are late, and so is the flea hatch. The fleas respond to the same temperatures and air currents which influence the return schedule of the sand martins.

Usually host animals are not weakened or killed by their parasites. This would be a poor arrangement for the parasite since it would then have to search for a new home. (For most cat fleas this is easy. For a sand martin flea, if the bird were to die away from the nest, it would be impossible.) Sometimes the balance between parasite and host is upset by other factors, as in the case of the bubonic plague which took so many lives in Europe and Asia in the 14th century. The disease was caused by a bacterium carried from rats to people by the rat flea. Through no design of its own, the rat flea contributed to terrible devastation of people, rats and fleas.

Nowadays fleas in our lives seem to be more a nuisance than a threat. Control or eradication is difficult. Fleas have been on earth in their present form for 50 million years. They have a splendid design. Observers feel the flea population has a two-year cycle: if you think the fleas are worse this year than last, you can look forward to some relief next year. If you want relief now, the best methods are: flea collars for cats, sprays for dogs, basic bug dope for people, and fumigation with frequent vacuuming for houses. Veterinarians get agitated calls particularly in summer when pet owners go on vacation, leaving their animals at a kennel. The people return after a week to a house full of newly hatched and starving fleas. They would do best to go to the kennel the day of their return and send the pets into the house first. It is said that in the southern U. S. people would use a sheep for this purpose. Ancient Arabs used their servants.

Whatever one's relationship or solution to fleas, respect for a worthy adversary is always best. John Donne wrote, in 1624, "The flea, though he kill none, he does all the harm that he can." And fleas are smart. Mark Twain said, "Fleas can be taught nearly everything that a congressman can."



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INDIAN NOTES

Algonquin, the Language of the Mahicans

Most of us know more Algonquin words than we realize: moose, squash, sachem, squaw, moccasin, muskrat, skunk, wigwam, powwow are a few examples. And of course we know place names like Housatonic, Monadonok, Connecticut and Massachusetts, though we do not all know that they mean "beyond-the-mountain-place," "mountain-island-place," "long-river-place," and "big-hill-place." The endings -ik, -ok, -ut, and -et all mean "place, " or "at." When we pronounce such place names we are getting into Algonquin grammar, using an inflection, the "locative," that does not exist in English nouns.

In placing the accent, or stress, in a long Algonquin word, a good rule of thumb is to stress the next-to-the-last syllable. A secondary stress falls on every alternate syllable, working back toward the beginning of the word: Mi'ssissi'ppi, Ma'ssachu'setts. However, languages are never simple and there are exceptions in Algonquin where there are "weak" vowels which are unstressed wherever they occur: Chi'putnet'(i)cook.

Algonquin speakers have no trouble with "sexist" pronouns since the third person always means equally he-she-it. The two "genders" in Algonquin are *animate* and *inanimate*. and they are distinguished in nouns, verbs and pronouns.

We have seen two ways in which Algonquin grammar stresses different aspects of reality from the way English does. The analysis of even a short sentence will give us a glimpse of the way the Mahicans actually thought. Nekwt niso'wuk ski'tapi'yuk na'ci-wkwi'luwuloh'-kani'ya means "Once there were two men who were going to look for-work." Here are some of the interesting things an analysis of the sentence reveals:

1. nekwt — adverb: "once."
2. niso'wuk — animate intransitive verb: stem nisi-, "to be two"; third person prefix -w, "they"; animate plural -uk — "they-living."
3. ski'tapi'yuk — noun: stem skitapi contains -api, "male"; animate plural -uk, "they living."
4. na'ci-wkwi'luwulohka'niya — animate intransitive verb: preverb naci-, "going"; third person prefix -w, "they"; stem kwiluw-, "seek"; noun lohka-, "work"; relative -n, "who"; plural ending -iya, "they."

Literally, the sentence means "Once, being-two they-living males-they-living going they-seeking-work who-they." The literal sentence lays bare the thought processes in Algonquin but is not readily understandable to English speakers until it has been rephrased in the grammatical categories that make sense to us.

The example is from a story recorded and analyzed by the linguist Karl V. Teeter. It is drawn from Malecite-Passamaquoddy, the dialect of Algonquin still spoken by a few hundred Indians in Maine and Nova Scotia. The Mahican dialect is no longer spoken by anybody. The 400 or so Mahicans now living in Wisconsin all speak English and only use the small store of Algonquin words preserved in the English vocabulary.

— David McAllester

NEW ENGLAND FOLK AND BLUES FESTIVAL AT MT. WATATIC IN ASHBY, MASS., TO BENEFIT MASSACHUSETTS NUCLEAR REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

On Sunday, August 15, the Massachusetts Nuclear Referendum Campaign will cosponsor the New England Folk and Blues Festival, featuring Massachusetts' own Arlo Guthrie and Shenandoah, country rocker Jerry Jeff Walker, electric blues man Taj Mahal, and folk stars David Bromberg, Odetta, Josh White, Jr., and Fred Small.

Proceeds of the concert will help finance a statewide citizens' effort to pass a ballot question November 2 that calls for certain legislative safeguards and voter approval of new nuclear power plant construction and radioactive waste dump proposals for the Commonwealth. Wastes generated in hospitals and medical facilities are specifically exempted from the provisions of the ballot question.

The festival will be held at Mt. Watatic Ski Area in Ashby, Massachusetts, just north of Fitchburg on Route 119. Gates open at 11:00 a.m.; children under 12 will be admitted free.

Tickets are available at all Ticketron and Strawberries locations, Out of Town in Harvard Square, and at all other major ticket outlets.

For more information, call the Massachusetts Nuclear Referendum Campaign office at (617) 787-0611.

If you need a ride or can provide transportation, please call the Festival Ridesharing Board at the MNRC office, 787-0611; ask for John Ferry.

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1868 there were nine schools in Monterey, each serving a small group of families. By 1900 roads were improved, making travelling easier, and more people had congregated near the church and store. Most of the small, isolated schools were closed and Center and Corashire were able to accommodate a large percentage of the town children.

This picture was taken at Center School in the early 1900s with Miss Amy Loom as the teacher.

front row, l. to r.: Orville Heath, Francis, Harmon, Munson Twing, Edwin Benton, Alton Gregory, Harold Hall, Delmor Tryon, Wallace Tryon, George Deland, Thelma Gregory and Eleanor Smith.

rear row, l. to r.: Miss Amy Loom, Irwin Rogers, Clarence Kinne, Bertha Deland, Nina Tryon, Mary Deland, Mable Gregory, Eva Bills, Julia Martin, Irving Hall and Alfred Campbell.

(Ed. note: This picture and the one of the Ladies Aid Picnic in our July issue were kindly contributed by the Monterey Historical Society.)

—— Sally Fijux

MONTEREY ENERGY PROJECT REPORT

Thanks to many people the auction was a $1,616.87 success. We appreciate the help in whatever capacity it was given. The collection of items goes on throughout the year, so don't hesitate to call 528-4257 whenever you are wanting to dispose of something you think someone else might like.

The Monterey Energy Project has proposed to the Selectmen that we help to make the old firehouse energy efficient so that the Town will find it more feasible to keep the building for the use of the Town. There are many possibilities for the building, and we hope that people will be thinking about it and be prepared when it comes up at a Town meeting.

Tickets are still being sold every day for the raffle of the beautiful quilt. Perhaps some people who are reading the *News* in places far away from Monterey would like to

participate in the raffle for the benefit of the Monterey Energy Project. Tickets are $1.00 each. We will either hold or send these people their stub. Let us know your preference.

— Milly Walsh

Ben Steiner of East Otis dances on I LOVE MONTEREY DAY with Jean Stowell of Monterey. Photograph by Susan McAllester

2nd ANNUAL KONKADANCE

Friday, August 20, is the date for this year's country dance by the Konkapot River in Greene Park, starting at 8 p.m. Come bring the entire family, meet your friends and neighbors for dancing on the grass. The park is available for picnics, too—come early and make an evening of it. Once again, music will be provided by the incomparable, all-Monterey Konkaplunkers; all dances will be taught by Joe Baker, caller. Rain date is August 22. Admission 50¢.

FARMERS' MARKET IN GREAT BARRINGTON

Southern Berkshire Community Action will sponsor a Great Barrington Farmers' Market to be held Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:30 to 12 noon August 7 through October at the Cove Bowling Lanes on Stockbridge Road (Route 7). The market will feature a wide variety of fresh, locally grown produce.

Promoting local self-sufficiency is a major element behind the Farmers' Market: Community Action encourages local growers and agriculture as a means of reducing the high consumption of imported, non-local produce by area households. The market will also benefit local growers, enabling them to sell excess produce at an excellent location.

Members of the Southern Berkshire Community Action Farmers' Market Committee include Lisa and Emil Weingold, Rachel Wylie, Edward Colmer, Pam and Lynn Stevens, and Rick Rhynhart; the position of "market master" will rotate each week.

Southern Berkshire Community Action is a non-profit organization promoting self-sufficiency in the 17 towns of south Berkshire.

For information contact Rachel Wylie at 298-3007 or Thomas Rathbun at Southern Berkshire Community Action, 528-1947.

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Saturday, August 28—Country Dance for dancers with a little experience, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, 8:30 p.m. Music by Mountain Laurel Band; Joe Baker, caller.
Saturday, September 4—Hootenanny at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, 8 p.m. An evening of folk music performed by anyone who wants to come sing and/or play. If you aren't a performer, come sing along on the choruses. Hosted this month by John Sellew, 528-0992.
Saturday, September 11—Country Dance for everyone, beginners and children welcome, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, 8:30 p.m. All dances taught by Joe Baker, caller; music by Mountain Laurel Band.

For information about any of these events, call 528-9385.

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A REMINDER FROM THE CIRCULATION MANAGERS

As summer draws rapidly to a close, many of our readers will no longer be receiving mail in Monterey. Please be sure to let us know when to start sending the *News* to your winter mailing address, and remember that the U. S. Postal Service does not forward third class mail.

We are happy to make semiannual changes of address, but we need to know when and to where! Also, if you make a permanent change of address, don't forget to notify us. Thank you. Debbie and Tony Reed, P. O. Box 335, Monterey, MA 01245.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I recently received a copy of *Monterey News* sent by my friend, Miss Nina Tryon. I was thrilled by it and would love to be put on mailing list. I was a summer resident for many years: 1929-1968.

You are doing a fine job. Keep up the good work.

— (Miss) Dorothy Stretch
Mount Vernon, NY

ANNOUNCEMENT

Anyone who found a gold locket on the town beach please contact Lily Barnett, P. O. Box 296, Monterey, or call 528-2484. It was lost during the boating accident on Lake Garfield last October.

WANTED

Roommate with pre-school-age child to share house in Monterey beginning September 1 with two women and one three-year-old. Call Sally, 528-4205 or 637-3445.

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The *Monterey News* thanks the following for their contributions this month: Rev. and Mrs. Roger Imhoff, Jr.; Peter and Mary Alice Amidon; Stephen Sultan; M/M Donald H. Shaw.

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"Enclosed is our humble donation to your great publication. It is for me an inspiring work in community literature. Thank you."

PERSONALS

Mrs. Guden of Monterey and Lynbrook, New York, will celebrate her 99th birthday on August 15. She first came to Monterey in 1906 when her father, John Pearson of Brooklyn bought the old Deacon Hale farm on Art School Road. After her marriage to Alexander Guden they continued to spend summers and vacations in their cottage on Lake Garfield. At present Mrs. Guden is a resident of Willowood in Great Barrington.

Maryjane Stevens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Stevens of Monterey, has been promoted to audit manager of the Boston office of the international accounting firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.

She received her bachelor of science degree in accounting from Bentley College in 1977 and is a member of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Miss Stevens lives in Framingham.

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